



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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(IN RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 9, 2003 OFFICE ACTION)

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on April 9, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 9, 2003 Office Action was originally due July 9, 2003. This response is accompanied by a Petition to Extend Time.